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## INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA

USE OF A COMBINED LANTERN BY SAILING VESSELS OF LESS THAN 3.2 m IN LENGTH

At the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany the following information is communicated to Member Governments.

- 1. Rule 25(b) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sen, 1972, will permit sailing vessels to exhibit the sidelights and the sternlight as prescribed in the present Collision Regulations combined in one lantern to be carried at or near the top of the mast where it can best be seen.
- 2. Although the new Collision Regulations will not enter into force before 1976, the German Administration, in view of improving the safety of small sailing vessels, permits with effect from 15 February 1975, that sailing vessels of less than 12.20 m in length may exhibit in lieu of sidelights and sternlight a combined lanterm.
- 3. An appropriate combined lantern in compliance with the technical provisions of the new Collision Regulations has been type-tested and approved by the German Hydrographic Institute.
- 4. The above information has been published in German Notices to Mariners No.7, dated 15 February 1975.